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HARDING SUPPORTS FIGHT FOR COTTON

VOICES HIS HEARTY APPROVAL
OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Committees Appointed to Advance
Formation of Export Financing
Corporation.

Columbia, Sept. 21.—Following a conference in Atlanta between W. P. G. Harding, governor of the federal bank system, and J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, special committees have been appointed by the American Cotton Association to push forward the organization of the export financing corporation with all possible speed, according to an announcement made at the offices of the American Cotton Association in this city.

Mr. Wannamaker has issued a call to the president of every bankers' association in the cotton belt urging that special conferences of the bankers of each state be held at the earliest possible date for the purpose of discussing the aims, objects and purposes of the American Cotton Association and to arrange means by which said bankers can be of the utmost assistance in financing the cotton crop of the South and to help maintain the minimum price recommended at the convention held by the American Cotton Association at New Orleans recently.

Mr. Wannamaker said that the bankers can be of the greatest assistance by fixing a maximum loan value per pound when secured by federal State or bonded warehouse receipts, and that they could be of further assistance in the organization of the export corporation. He said their assistance would be needed also in the fullest practicable exploitation of the new export facilities provided in the Edge bill and other recent legislation.

Governor Harding, in Atlanta, lent his very hearty endorsement to the work of the American Cotton Association saying:

"I cannot emphasize too strongly my approval of the great work which has been accomplished by the American Cotton Association. I heartily commend the wonderful service it is rendering. I most strongly urge the importance of locally owned and controlled warehouses in every county in the cotton belt. A tremendous amount of work has been done by the American Cotton Association for the purpose of emphasizing the vital importance of the erection of these warehouses and of their control and ownership by the farmers, merchants, bankers and business men of the South. I am more and more convinced that if the South desires to obtain a fair price for cotton it should put itself in position to finance the marketing of it both at home and abroad. Our people have for years been accustomed to financing the growing crop, and of recent years they have learned how to hold their cotton after it has been ginned and baled, over a period of temporary distress. They ought to go one step further and finance it until it gets into the hands of the spinners."

President Wannamaker said yesterday that telegrams and letters were being received from all over the cotton belt indicating that the South is solidly behind the American Cotton Association. Warehouse corporations are being formed all over the belt, he said. Several of these are located in South Carolina.

In South Carolina it was stated that the campaign was progressing most satisfactorily. State Manager B. F. McLeod spent the latter part of last week in the Piedmont section and reports that practically everybody who is solicited is joining the association in that section.

UGLY AFFAIR AT CHERAW.

Cheraw, Sept. 22.—A distressing tragedy took place on the streets of Cheraw Saturday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock when Burch Kirkley was shot to death by T. L. Ingram and E. G. Ingram.

The trouble occurred in front of the Bank of Cheraw, where the streets were thronged with the usual Saturday crowd and it seems a miracle that no one else was seriously hurt. Miss SeDe Long, one of the high school teachers was struck by a stray bullet and painfully, though not seriously hurt.

Just how the difficulty started is not known. The Kirkley lands had been recently bought by the Ingram brothers and later auctioned off in small tracts at quite an advance in price. Some feeling seems to have arisen over this, and when Burch Kirkley and E. G. Ingram met in front of the bank Saturday words were exchanged which led to blows. E. G. Ingram then drew his pistol and fired two shots, making a slight flesh wound in Kirkley's leg. Kirkley was unarmed. Hearing of the difficulty T. L. Ingram, a brother of E. G. Ingram, rushed to the spot, seized the pistol from E. G. Ingram, and fired the fatal shot.

Mrs. Kirkley and little son were in an automobile nearby and witnessed the whole affair.

Mrs. Kirkley fainted and was with much difficulty revived. She is now seriously ill.

The Ingrams are largely engaged in farming, livery stables and automobile business. Kirkley was an em-

COTTON IS NOW GOING DIRECT TO GERMANY

Shipments Are Being Made From Galveston and Other Ports and Markets are Wide Open.

Atlanta, Sept. 21.—United States Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia has advised cotton men here today that cotton is going direct to Germany from Galveston and other ports.

It was reported a few days ago that the Georgia senator was dissatisfied with the government reports he had received affecting the immediate future of the cotton export business, and he has wired the collectors of customs at New York and all other ports to get definite information.

The report was an error, as Senator Smith has expressed himself as being perfectly satisfied with the situation. Shipments are wide open to and from Germany. The senator simply communicated with the port collectors for the purpose of ascertaining to what extent the opportunity to ship cotton was being used.

Senator Smith finds, as he advised cotton men, that cotton is going direct to Germany from Galveston and other ports.

SEA COW CAPTURED NEAR WILMINGTON.

Hundreds of visitors went to Lake Side Park yesterday afternoon and last night to see the sea cow that was hauled up in the sands of Masonboro sound earlier in the day by a crew of fishermen and later brought to the city by R. C. Fergus and hundreds of others who doubtless go there today, tomorrow and Sunday to inspect the strange creature that has the head of a cow and the body of a hippopotamus.

The creature has been roped to a cypress close inshore and is hauled up at regular intervals for the inspection of the crowd. The barnacle covered sides have been touched by the hundreds of hands, including both the timid and fearless and it seems as though the crowd never tires of looking at the aquatic bovine.

The cow is possessed of enormous strength, although it appears to be perfectly harmless. Its mouth has three lips and it feeds on vegetable matter. Already the grass growing along the large shore has been cropped close by the brute, which prefers to remain immersed but comes to the surface occasionally and takes deep draughts of air.

It is not known whether it will continue to live in fresh water or not and those who would see the creature are advised to go to the park as early as possible. Electric lights have been strung around the spot, where the beast is tied out, making it possible to examine the creature at night.

Already the spot in which the bovine has been staked out has been dubbed the "deep sea dairy" by an enterprising youngster and there were others who have called at the park to know when the management expects to milk the beast. —Wilmington Dispatch.

NEGROES APPROVE ACTION

Take Stand That Lynching Was Justifiable.

Athens, Ga., Sept. 22.—A number of negroes residing near Lexington, Ga., have met and adopted resolutions approving of the action of whites who recently lynched Obe Cox, a negro, accused of assaulting and murdering the wife of a white farmer, it became known here tonight.

The resolutions condemned in strong terms the crime that aroused 1,000 men and sent them on a twenty-four hour search of swamps and woods, which was concluded with the shooting of the negro and the burning of his body. At the time the crime was committed Cox was under indictment for an attack on a negro woman. He is said to have confessed before death to the crimes.

Negroes who took the stand that the lynching was justified were said to have consisted of some of the most orderly and prosperous in Oglethorpe county where the white woman was killed. "Nick" Walter, a negro who leases and operates a farm of several ploughs, was said by officials at Lexington to have taken a leading part in the adoption of the resolutions. Just how many negroes took part in the move could not be learned here tonight.

Services at the Methodist Church

Main street Methodist church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. W. H. Muller, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject: "The Excellency of Our God." Evening subject: "The Message of the Bible to Young Women." Prayer service on Wednesday at 8:00 p. m. Teachers' Meeting on Saturday at 6 p. m. At this meeting the pastor lectures on the S. S. Lesson for the following day. All S. S. Teachers of the community are cordially invited. Public cordially invited to all services at this church.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Klien have returned to Morehead City, N. C.

ployee of the town.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. A. H. McArm at the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m., on Monday.

COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR
CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald
Readers Ebb and Flow of the
Human Tide.

Carolina.
At Carolina church, the morning service last Sunday was a welcome service in honor of the boys of the church who answered the call of their country and have returned. An able sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. C. G. Brown, after the words of welcome.

Misses Emma Kate and Maude McInnis and Pearl McLaurin left Tuesday for Flora McDonald College at Red Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. McLaurin of Rowland spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. M. Carmichael and daughter Miss Nellie of Dillon, spent Thursday at the home of Mr. Jenks McQueen.

Mr. L. C. Norton of Dunbar spent Sunday with home folks.

The Home Demonstration Club met at the school house last Thursday afternoon. A splendid demonstration on grapes and pears, was given by our efficient County Agent, Miss Sellers.

Oak Grove.

The fourth quarterly conference for the Brownsville circuit will be held at Bethlehem next Saturday morning, September 28.

The Oak Grove school opens October 6th. Miss Ina May Pitts of Clinton is principal, Miss Clarice Fore of Dillon will have charge of the intermediate grades and Miss Margaret Simpson of Leeds the primary work.

Farm demonstration agent Epps of Latta was in this community Monday morning.

Superintendent of Education R. S. Rogers was here one afternoon last week on a business trip.

The hot weather of the past few weeks is making cotton open very rapidly and in many fields nearly all is being gathered at the first picking.

Fork

Misses Sallie and Willie Moore left Tuesday for Coker College.

Miss Sue Nelle Stith and sister, Mrs. H. P. Dubose are visiting their parents at Lamar.

Ottie Carmichael has returned from a trip to Baltimore.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Carmichael of Rowland spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Miss Bertha Moore has returned to Salem College, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The teachers for Fork school have arrived and will begin teaching September 22. The teachers for the coming year are Mr. Mahone Moody and Misses Huggins and Carmichael.

Messrs. Eugen Carmichael and Bert Roberts left Tuesday for Wofford College.

Grady Rogers spent Sunday in the city.

Mrs. Mary Rogers had a family reunion Saturday to celebrate her eighty-first birthday. All the members of her family were present but one son, Mr. Herbert Rogers.

C. E. Rogers of Greensboro, N. C., spent last week in town.

Lake View.

Rev. W. R. Phillips has been spending a few days the past week in the mountains.

Mrs. Marvin Gaddy, who has just returned from the hospital at Florence, is improving.

Miss Gertrude Norman is attending school at Falcon.

Misses Christine Goodyear and Bessie Hayes left Wednesday to enter Carolina College at Maxton.

Mr. J. T. Hanks spent Tuesday in Mullins on business.

Miss Allie Mae Temple has returned to Salem College to take up her work.

Mrs. W. N. Goodyear visited friends in Lumberton the past week.

Miss Lannie Oliver is visiting friends in town.

Miss Grace Temple has left for Columbia, Tenn., where she will teach.

Mr. Richard Flowers left Saturday to visit friends in Martinsville, Virginia.

Miss Pervatt is spending a few days with her parents near Lumberton.

Mrs. Trust Booth is visiting relatives near Mullins.

Miss Hattie Temple who has been quite sick the past week is out again.

Mr. Ship Daniels, of St. Louis Mo., who has been in the county most of the summer looking after the estate of his father, spent Tuesday with relatives in town.

Miss Edna Norman left Sunday to attend the Conservatory of Music at Durham, N. C.

Mr. Wade Temple left the past week to attend school in Charleston, S. C.

Messrs. Jones and Flowers of Wilmington, N. C., who have been putting the roof on Mr. D. K. Ford's new building have returned to their homes for the week end but will return to do some repair work on the furnace at the school building.

Rev. E. T. Mason who has been in a meeting at Pleasant Hill the past week, has returned home. He reports a very good meeting. He was assisted

DILLON FARMERS BACK CORPORATION

SUBSCRIBING LIBERALLY TO
FIGHT SPECULATORS.

More Than 100,000 Subscribed at Friday's Meeting to Buy Distressed Cotton.

If other cotton movements in Dillon and elsewhere have been failures, there is no indication that the present movement to organize a huge cotton holding corporation to keep distress cotton off the market will fail. On the other hand there is every indication that it is going to be the biggest success in the history of the farming industry in the south.

L. D. Jennings, well-known cotton man, farmer and lawyer of Sumter, addressed a large and representative audience at the court house last Friday, and at the conclusion of his talk more than \$100,000 was subscribed in a few minutes to organize a cotton holding association in the county.

The cotton holding association in each county in the cotton belt is the outgrowth of the plans put into effect by leading cotton men throughout the south many months ago to protect the cotton producer against the manipulations of the bear speculator in the north. The plan is for each county to raise enough money to buy up all the cotton offered at less than the price fixed by the Cotton Association. Many counties in the south already have the plan in operation. Sumter has buyers on every market in the county and not a bale of cotton is selling in Sumter for less than 30 cents.

Last Friday Florence county put its buyers on the market and it is said that cotton cannot be bought in that county for 30 cents. Not a bale is being offered.

Mr. Jennings says it will take \$300,000 to handle Dillon county's crop of surplus cotton and up to Saturday last \$130,000 of that amount had been subscribed. Committees are canvassing the county this week and it is expected that Dillon's quota will be raised by Saturday night. Mr. T. L. Manning, county secretary, says the farmers are responding liberally and there is much enthusiasm over the movement.

Cotton jumped to 30 cents and slightly over on the Dillon market Monday, but none was offered. Buyers for export houses and mills are taking a holiday, so to speak, until the cotton world can get its bearings. That spinners and exporters are very much interested in the movement is evidenced by the fact that special agents sent out by the various associations in the north are keeping in close touch with the situation, and are securing and sending in daily reports on the progress of the buying movement. There is no questioning the fact that the cotton goods world and the bear element particularly is very much concerned over the movement.

Many movements have been started in the past with the object of helping the farmer to get a better price for cotton, but they failed because the farmer was not financially able to back them up. But times have changed. The past three years have enabled the farmers not only to get even with the world but to lay aside surplus money and they are amply able to back the present holding movement.

It is not extravagant to say that cotton should be selling around 40 cents a pound. The greatest obstacle to high prices, so it is claimed by economists, is that Europe has no credit and exporters are not willing to pay hard cash for cotton and send it across the water on 60 and 90 paper of a doubtful value. Another obstacle is the high rate of exchange. Europe has nothing to sell and when she pays for what we send her the rate of exchange is so high that it more than eats up the profits on the transaction. The European governments want to keep what money they have at home, and will make no attempt to reduce the rate of exchange. This condition of affairs prevents the exporter from becoming an active buyer on the American markets. The bear element, it is claimed, is taking advantage of this condition of affairs to hammer the price of cotton down, and the only way the south can meet the situation is to organize a huge holding company composed of county units and buy distressed cotton.

President Wannamaker has appealed to President Wilson to assist the European nations in establishing a credit for American cotton, but the president has his hands full with the peace treaty, and it is not likely that he will be able to give the cotton situation his attention until congress has ratified the treaty. In the meantime the southern farmer must help himself by lending his means to keep surplus cotton off the market. Every dollar he puts into the holding movement helps him to get a better price for what cotton he has on hand.

ed by Rev. J. A. Langley of Kemper.

The protracted meeting at "Bear Swamp" closed Friday night and as a result seventeen were baptized.

Rev. J. Miller of Fairmont assisted Rev. Joel I. Allen, the pastor.

Mrs. McDonald and two children from near Dillon spent a few days with the latter's parents last week.

Mrs. Frank Shooter spent a few days with relatives near Mullins last week.

MUST REDUCE FOOD PRICES.

Government Official Spent Day in Town Investigating Prices.

A representative from the Department of Justice spent Tuesday in the city with Food Administrator Davis and after making investigations said that certain foods were being sold above the market price. The official made notes of his investigations which will be forwarded to headquarters. Among the articles being sold above the market price, said the official were mostly canned goods, butter, beef and cheese. The native beef is being sold at the right price, but western beef, said the official, should be sold for 2 cents a pound less than the native beef. The official spent most of the day with the groceryman. At present the government is investigating food prices but will soon turn its attention to such articles as clothing, shoes, etc. It is likely that the official will return to Dillon in a short while and make investigations along this line in order to see that the law is being complied with. No charges of profiteering were preferred against Dillon merchants, but their attention was called to the prices being charged in other towns for the same articles, and it is likely that these prices will be reduced to conform to the government regulations. Food Administrator Davis will shortly appoint a "Fair Price" committee which will publish from week to week the prices at which food should be sold. This will enable the consumer to know whether or not he is being overcharged. The retail merchant is allowed to charge a certain per cent. above the wholesale price and it is the government's business to see that the retail man is not over-charged by the wholesale man. If there is an overcharge it is the duty of the retail merchant to report the matter to the proper authorities, the same as it is the duty of the consumer to report an overcharge by the retail man. Under this arrangement wholesaler, retailer and consumer are protected. The government official here Tuesday did not attempt to fix prices on the various articles handled by the groceryman, but told them what profit they were allowed on the goods they handled, and instructed them to stick to that profit. The official said he did not find any intentional profiteering, and that the Dillon merchants expressed themselves as willing to cooperate with the government in carrying out the spirit and letter of the law.

Whereas a petition has been submitted to the Council of the Town of Dillon by a majority of the freeholders of the territory adjacent to the town of Dillon hereinafter described, praying that an election be ordered for the purpose of determining whether such territory will be included in the limits of the Town of Dillon, and,

Whereas, the Town Council of the said town of Dillon has ordered an election for this purpose to be held on Tuesday, October 7, 1919.

Now, Therefore, pursuant to the petition aforesaid notice is hereby given that an election shall be held in the town of Dillon and in the territory hereinafter described, on Tuesday, October 7, 1919, said polls open at the usual voting precincts of said town from 8 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., and at a convenient place within the territory to be annexed, said place to be designated by the managers of election for such territory, at which election only qualified voters of the said municipality and of the territory proposed to be annexed shall be permitted to vote.

The following is a description of the territory proposed to be annexed: All of that territory embraced by the present corporate limits of the said town of Dillon which is a circle drawn from intersection of Main street and Railroad Avenue, as a center with a radius of one-half (1-2) mile, and a square two miles on each side save and except the mills and mill villages of The Dillon Mills; that is to say, instead of the incorporate limits of the town of Dillon being a circle with a radius of one-half (1-2) mile from the center, there shall be drawn from the said center up Main street to the West a straight line one mile in length; from the center up Railroad Avenue to the North a straight line one mile in length; from the center down Main street to the East a straight line one mile in length; down Railroad Avenue to the South a straight line one mile in length. Which said lines so drawn shall strike each side of a square two miles on each side except above mentioned, all of which will more fully appear by reference to the lines of survey made by Major O. M. Page, Civil Engineer.

The following are the managers of the Election for the Municipality T. S. Ingraham, B. A. Harrelson and I. C. Ingram. The managers of the election for the Territory proposed to be annexed: J. J. McKay, T. T. Cottingham and R. L. Moody.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of September, A. D. 1919.

J. H. HAMER, (Seal)
Mayor.

Attest:
J. B. EDWARDS City Clerk.

SHERWOOD CLAIMS REJECTED ON VOTE

LACK OF QUORUM BLOCKS FINAL ACTION ON CONTEST.

Stoll Was About to Be Declared Nomininee in Sixth by Majority of 25 Votes.

Columbia, Sept. 23.—When the State Democratic Executive Committee, met here today to consider the protests filed in connection with the second primary election for Congress from the Sixth District, had declared tonight at 8:30 o'clock by a vote of 11 to 9, to throw out the protest made by E. J. Sherwood, of Conway, against alleged irregularities and fraudulent votes in the box at Andrews, Georgetown County and to canvass the returns and declare the result, a point of the quorum was sustained by John Gary Evans chairman, and the proceedings were stopped. If the point had not been made, P. H. Stoll, of Kingstree, would have been declared the nominee by a majority of twenty-five votes. The secretary, Ashley C. Tobias, Jr., was instructed to call the membership of the committee of forty-four members to Columbia for the recessed meeting.

The principal protest filed today was that of E. J. Sherwood, who alleged that fifty-four irregular and fraudulent votes had been cast at Andrews, forty-five of them for Mr. Stoll and nine for Mr. Sherwood. He asked that the club be purged, which if done, would give him a majority of eleven votes in the same district. The other Sherwood protests, that of Carves Bay precinct, box No. 1, for writing the names of candidates on illegal ballots, was dismissed by the committee, because the regular ballots through an oversight were not supplied the precinct.

Because there had been a recount in Horry and it was found that seventy soldier votes had been counted twice and seventy of these votes had been deducted from Mr. Sherwood's majority, Mr. Stoll withdrew his protest relative to Horry county as he claimed his contention had been met.

Tonight after the motion of the executive committee from Edgefield county had been carried to dismiss the Sherwood protest, because there was not enough evidence to show sufficient fraud to change the result of the election, and to declare the result, L. D. Jennings, of Sumter, attorney for Mr. Sherwood, raised the point of no quorum. When it was pointed out by Mr. Padgett that Mr. Jennings point could not be considered because he was not a member of the committee, it was renewed by J. G. A. Guignard, executive committee member from Lexington county, and sustained by the chairman.

CRITICIZES THE PRESIDENT.

Penrose Declares He Brought Jewels From Europe.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Senator Penrose, Republican, Pennsylvania, declared in the Senate today that President Wilson and his party brought back from the Paris peace conference "crowned heads" and other gifts from "crowned heads," which he had been told were worth more than one million dollars.

Interrupting a speech by Senator Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona, who said that in 1810 it had been proposed to prohibit acceptance of gifts from foreign rulers by the President, Senator Penrose asked if the Arizona Senator had in mind gifts made to President Wilson while in Europe.

"I know nothing of that," Senator replied, "but if any Democrat accepted such gifts he would receive my condemnation as quickly as if he were a Republican."

"I have been told that the President and his party came back overburdened with presents from crowned heads and foreign governments," Senator Penrose said. "There was jewelry valued at hundreds of thousands, and I was told that customs authorities valued the gifts at more than a million dollars."

BIG AUTO RACES TODAY.

Fast Drivers Will Compete for Big Prizes at Dillon Race Tracks.

Large crowds are expected at Dillon today to witness the auto races which will be held at the race track this afternoon. The event has been extensively advertised and large numbers of visitors are expected from the adjoining counties. Prizes aggregating more than \$1000 will be awarded to the successful contestants. Dillon is the first small town in the state to hold an auto race. The large cities have been having the races for some time, but Dillon was the first small town to put up the guarantee and invite the drivers over. The track has been put in excellent condition and fast racing is expected. The scout who came over and inspected the track said it was one of the best in the state and he saw no reason why some fast time should not be made at today's races. About a dozen cars of various makes will be entered. The cars began arriving yesterday. The races will start promptly at 2:30 o'clock.